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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed May 9, 2001, and the Advisory Action mailed December 17, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

14. (Amended) A substantially pure nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a CAK1 polypeptide at least 75% identical to an amino acid sequence represented in SEQ ID No. 14.

15. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein the encoded CAK1 polypeptide functions in one of either role of an agonist or an antagonist of cell cycle regulation of a *Candida* cell.